

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A granule comprising a core and a coating wherein the core comprises an active compound and the coating comprises a synthetic polymer wax composition, wherein the synthetic polymer wax composition is characterized as having a ~~with a~~ molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the ~~range amount of~~ 0.25xM_w to 0.75xM_w, ~~0.74xM_w~~,
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the ~~range amount of~~ 0.75xM_w to 1.25xM_w, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the ~~range amount of~~ 1.25xM_w to 2.0xM_w, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the synthetic polymer wax composition, ~~and wherein the synthetic polymer is a admixture of a first polyethylene glycol having a first average molecular weight, a second polyethylene glycol having a second average molecular weight, and a third polyethylene glycol having a third average molecular weight.~~

Claim 2 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the temperature at which the wax composition starts to melt, T_{m,i}, is at least 25°C.

Claim 3 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein T_{m,i} of the wax composition is at least 30°C.

Claim 4 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein T_{m,i} of the wax composition is at least 35°C.

Claim 5 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the median melting point is between 50 to 60 °C

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The granule of claim 1, wherein the median melting point is at least 10°C.

Claim 7 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1000.

Claim 8 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1200.

Claim 9 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1400.

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the granules have a caking strength of less than 1000.

Claim 12 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the active compound is a protein.

Claim 13 (Original) The granule of claim 12, wherein the protein is an enzyme.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) A process for preparing the granule of claim 1, comprising contacting a particle comprising an active compound with a coating, wherein the coating comprises a wax composition with a molecular weight distribution in the range of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the range $0.25 \times M_w$ to $0.75 \times M_w$, and
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the range $0.75 \times M_w$ to $1.25 \times M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the range $1.25 \times M_w$ to $2.0 \times M_w$,

where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the wax composition.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, wherein said contacting of the particle with a coating is taking place in a coating chamber.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, wherein said contacting of the particle with a coating is taking place in a fluid bed apparatus or in a mixer apparatus.

Claim 17 (Original) A feed or fodder composition for animals comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Original) A dough composition comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Original) A detergent composition comprising a granule of claim 1.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Original) A fertilizer composition comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Withdrawn) A method of reducing dust from active particles comprising:

providing a granule composition comprising a core comprising an active compound;

providing a coating constituent comprising a synthetic polymer wax composition with a molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the range $0.25 \times M_w$ to $0.75 \times M_w$,
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the range $0.75 \times M_w$ to $1.25 \times M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the range $1.25 \times M_w$ to $2.0 \times M_w$, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the synthetic polymer wax composition, wherein the synthetic polymer is a admixture of a first polyethylene glycol having a first average molecular weight, a second polyethylene glycol having a second average molecular weight, and a third polyethylene glycol having a third average molecular weight; and coating the granule with the coating constituent.

Claim 27. (New) A granule comprising a core and a coating wherein the core comprises an active compound and the coating consists essentially of a synthetic polymer wax composition, wherein the synthetic polymer wax composition is characterized as having a molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the amount of $0.25 \times M_w$ to $0.74 \times M_w$,
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the amount of $0.75 \times M_w$ to $1.25 \times M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the amount of $1.26 \times M_w$ to $2.0 \times M_w$, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the synthetic polymer wax composition.

Claim 28. (New) A granule comprising a core and a coating wherein the core comprises enzyme and the coating consists of a synthetic polymer wax composition, wherein the synthetic polymer wax composition is characterized as having a molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the amount of $0.25M_w$ to $0.74M_w$,
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the amount of $0.75M_w$ to $1.25M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the amount of $1.26M_w$ to $2.0M_w$, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the synthetic polymer wax composition.

Claim 29. (New) A granule in accordance with claim 28, wherein the synthetic polymer wax composition is an admixture of a first polyethylene glycol having a first average molecular weight, a second polyethylene glycol having a second average molecular weight, and a third polyethylene glycol having a third average molecular weight.

Claim 30 (New) A granule comprising a core and a coating wherein the core comprises an active compound and the coating comprises a synthetic polymer wax composition, wherein the synthetic polymer wax composition is characterized as having a molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the range $0.25M_w$ to below $0.75M_w$,
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the range $0.75M_w$ to below $1.25M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the range $1.25M_w$ to $2.0M_w$, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the synthetic polymer wax composition.